

Chapter VIII - Population Analysis

Population Growth

Wayne County has, for the last several decades, been one of the fastest growing counties in the Commonwealth, but at a slower pace than either of its Pocono neighbors, Monroe and Pike Counties. The County growth rate has also, along with the rest of the nation, slowed considerably during the first six years of the 2000-2010 decade, although some of this may be due to weak real estate markets at the beginning of this period and currently. The County grew by 7,778 persons between 1990 and 2000, a 19.5% gain, but only added an estimated 3,986 persons or 8.4% between 2000 and 2007, according to Census Bureau's latest annual estimates.

This slower pace is also reflected among most other jurisdictions regionally. The Northeast as a whole grew by only 2.0%. Pennsylvania's very small gains as of the last Census (it ranked 47th out of 50 states for 1990-2000) have been more than halved since then. Four out of seven surrounding counties lost population. Nearly all the growth taking place can be explained as a consequence of what's happening in the New York metro market, which expanded by 17.2% during the 1990's while the Binghamton and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre/Hazleton MSA's lost population.

Wayne County's growth rate has exceeded the national average since 1990 but, recently, only by a small fraction. Most of the population growth during the 1990's took place in Lake, Paupack and Salem Townships as second homes converted to first homes and existing developments within these communities continued to build out. Paupack Township had both the largest absolute (1,263 persons) and proportional (74.5%) gains among all municipalities. Canaan, Lehigh, Damascus and Berlin also grew substantially, although Canaan numbers are clearly distorted by the increases in prisoner population at the State Correctional Institution. The pattern for the 2000-2007 period is similar with some anomalies.

Among these are the lack of growth in Canaan, which has experienced a new influx with the Federal Prison opening, and the large increase for Waymart Borough, both of which suggest that population has been misplaced in the estimates. The Palmyra Township gain also appears to be an error. The County Planning Commission contacted the Census Bureau regarding this. It was also obvious to the Census Bureau it was an error. However, no change could be made to the estimates unless a formal challenge was made, which would take considerable time locally. It was determined the time required to file a formal challenge with the Census Bureau was not justified and it made more sense to simply acknowledge the error locally. It will correct itself, at the latest, in 2010.

Assuming a continuation of existing patterns, with some resurgence of the real estate market, one might expect the County as a whole to grow by roughly 12% for the current decade. Much of the growth, though, is again explained by the new Federal Prison (see "Group Quarters Population").

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Table VIII-1: Population Growth, 1990 – 2007

Geography	Population 1990	Population 2000	90-00 Gain/Loss	% Chg.	Population 2007	00-07 Gain/Loss	% Chg.
United States	248,709,873	281,421,906	32,712,033	13.2%	301,621,157	20,199,251	7.2%
Northeast Region	50,809,229	53,594,378	2,785,149	5.5%	54,680,626	1,086,248	2.0%
Pennsylvania	11,881,643	12,281,054	399,411	3.4%	12,432,792	151,738	1.2%
Binghamton – MSA	264,497	252,320	-12,177	-4.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A
NY--Northern NJ-Long Island – CMSA	18,087,251	21,199,865	3,112,614	17.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Scranton--WB--Hazleton – PA MSA	734,175	624,776	-109,399	-14.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Broome County, New York	212,160	200,536	-11,624	-5.5%	195,973	-4,563	-2.3%
Delaware County, New York	47,225	48,055	830	1.8%	46,286	-1,769	-3.7%
Sullivan County, New York	69,277	73,966	4,689	6.8%	76,303	2,337	3.2%
Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania	219,039	213,295	-5,744	-2.6%	209,330	-3,965	-1.9%
Monroe County, Pennsylvania	95,709	138,687	42,978	44.9%	164,722	26,035	18.8%
Pike County, Pennsylvania	27,966	46,302	18,336	65.6%	58,633	12,331	26.6%
Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania	40,380	42,238	1,858	4.6%	41,123	-1,115	-2.6%
Wayne County	39,944	47,722	7,778	19.5%	51,708	3,986	8.4%
Berlin Township	1,777	2,188	411	23.1%	2,364	176	8.0%
Bethany Borough	238	292	54	22.7%	283	-9	-3.1%
Buckingham Township	648	656	8	1.2%	677	21	3.2%
Canaan Township	1,267	1,916	649	51.2%	1,984	68	3.5%
Cherry Ridge Township	1,600	1,817	217	13.6%	1,914	97	5.3%
Clinton Township	1,582	1,926	344	21.7%	2,019	93	4.8%
Damascus Township	3,081	3,662	581	18.9%	3,845	183	5.0%
Dreher Township	1,022	1,280	258	25.2%	1,307	27	2.1%
Dyberry Township	1,223	1,353	130	10.6%	1,376	23	1.7%
Hawley Borough	1,244	1,303	59	4.7%	1,293	-10	-0.8%
Honesdale Borough	4,972	4,874	-98	-2.0%	4,733	-141	-2.9%
Lake Township	3,287	4,361	1,074	32.7%	4,692	331	7.6%
Lebanon Township	479	645	166	34.7%	715	70	10.9%
Lehigh Township	1,178	1,639	461	39.1%	1,638	-1	-0.1%
Manchester Township	663	888	225	33.9%	923	35	3.9%
Mount Pleasant Township	1,271	1,345	74	5.8%	1,431	86	6.4%
Oregon Township	606	745	139	22.9%	792	47	6.3%
Palmyra Township	905	1,127	222	24.5%	1,444	317	28.1%
Paupack Township	1,696	2,959	1,263	74.5%	3,354	395	13.3%
Preston Township	1,044	1,107	63	6.0%	1,135	28	2.5%
Prompton Borough	238	243	5	2.1%	237	-6	-2.5%
Salem Township	2,933	3,664	731	24.9%	3,908	244	6.7%
Scott Township	590	669	79	13.4%	691	22	3.3%
South Canaan Township	1,320	1,666	346	26.2%	1,746	80	4.8%
Starrucca Borough	199	216	17	8.5%	221	5	2.3%
Sterling Township	974	1,251	277	28.4%	1,362	111	8.9%
Texas Township	2,570	2,501	-69	-2.7%	2,549	48	1.9%
Waymart Borough	1,337	1,429	92	6.9%	3,075	1,646	115.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (“MSA” is Metropolitan Statistical Area, the Bureau’s definition of an urban area.)

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The proximity of Wayne County to metro areas and patterns in Monroe and Pike Counties over the last several decades suggest the growth rate could easily accelerate but it is quite modest now. Moreover, there are other mitigating factors, among them being the simple fact Wayne County is more remote than either of those counties and of a quite different overall character that is more appealing to buyers of larger lots who typically produce lower density development.

The aging of the population and its appeal to older buyers living in smaller households also tend to create conditions for slower paced growth. The County has a large and growing number of active-adults and seniors whose households include very few children (see next section on Median Age). This has major impacts on new household formation and particularly on household sizes, depressing growth rates.

Median Age

Table VIII-2 following analyzes median age for the County compared to its constituent municipalities, surrounding areas, Commonwealth and nation as a whole. Wayne County is significantly older than the U.S. and surrounding areas. Indeed, it had the highest median age (40.8 years) among all its neighbors, with the exception of Delaware County, New York. It exceeded the U.S. median by a full 4.3 years and the Pennsylvania median by 1.5 years.

Buckingham Township had the highest median age in the County in 2000 at 47.9 years. Bethany Borough and Starrucca Borough were also relatively old. The youngest communities in the County were Berlin, Lehigh, Salem and Sterling Townships, all being communities heavily affected by in-migration.

Patterns for nearby Monroe and Pike Counties also indicate growth and in-migration have tended to temper median age increases, suggesting median age increases could eventually soften or even reverse. Nevertheless, the current pattern is one of rapid aging, which may well have the opposite effect of slowing population growth even as housing expands. The implications for future infrastructure and services planning are serious. Figure VIII-1 depicts U.S. Census population estimates by age for 2000 to 2007, indicating the senior population is steadily increasing while the school-age population is shrinking at an equally steady pace that is beginning to impact school enrollments.

If this trend continues, there will be severe pressure on schools and other providers of family services to reduce their overhead costs by eliminating infrastructure. It is economically prohibitive to maintain multiple large facilities for a declining base of students – some growth is essential to replace students lost through aging of the population. School state aid, which is typically related in some respects to enrollments, may also be affected. The need for senior services could expand at the same time putting the County taxpayers in somewhat of a vise unless there is growth of the commercial tax base. This is unlikely to occur, however, without concurrent growth in the working age population, which is, also, the foundation of the tax base as a whole, there being neither industry nor commerce without workers and shoppers.

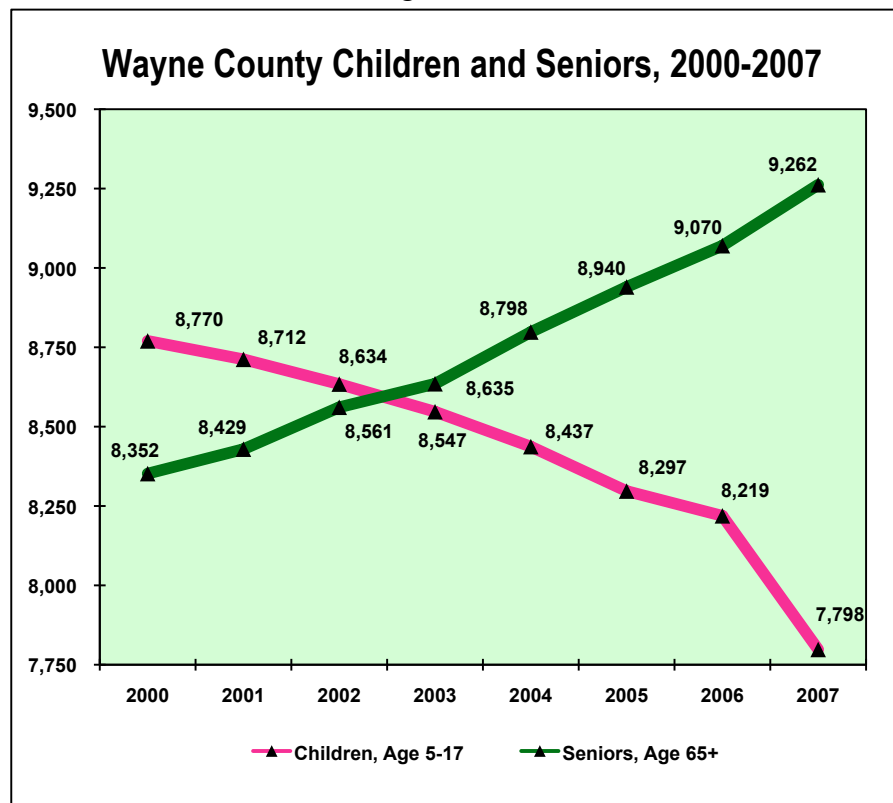
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Table VIII-2: Median Age, 2000

Geography	Female Median	Male Median	Total Median	% of U.S.	Variance in Years
United States	36.5	34.0	35.3	N/A	N/A
Northeast Region	38.1	35.5	36.8	104.2%	1.5
Pennsylvania	39.4	36.5	38.0	107.6%	2.7
Binghamton – MSA	39.4	36.8	38.1	107.9%	2.8
New York--Northern New Jersey--Long Island – CMSA	37.2	34.6	35.9	101.7%	0.6
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton – PA MSA	42.1	38.3	40.2	113.9%	4.9
Broome County, New York	39.5	36.8	38.2	108.2%	2.9
Delaware County, New York	42.5	40.1	41.4	117.3%	6.1
Sullivan County, New York	39.4	38.2	38.8	109.9%	3.5
Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania	42.2	38.4	40.3	114.2%	5.0
Monroe County, Pennsylvania	37.6	36.7	37.2	105.4%	1.9
Pike County, Pennsylvania	39.8	39.4	39.6	112.2%	4.3
Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania	40.2	38.6	39.5	111.9%	4.2
Wayne County	41.9	39.8	40.8	115.6%	5.5
Berlin Township	39.2	37.6	38.4	108.8%	3.1
Bethany Borough	48.0	42.5	45.0	127.5%	9.7
Buckingham Township	47.3	48.8	47.9	135.7%	12.6
Canaan Township	41.7	40.0	40.2	113.9%	4.9
Cherry Ridge Township	41.4	38.5	40.3	114.2%	5.0
Clinton Township	41.3	39.8	40.4	114.4%	5.1
Damascus Township	42.6	41.0	41.8	118.4%	6.5
Dreher Township	41.3	42.2	41.7	118.1%	6.4
Dyberry Township	41.5	39.7	40.7	115.3%	5.4
Hawley Borough	43.2	38.7	40.8	115.6%	5.5
Honesdale Borough	42.0	36.4	39.6	112.2%	4.3
Lake Township	42.8	40.1	41.8	118.4%	6.5
Lebanon Township	42.4	40.8	41.3	117.0%	6.0
Lehigh Township	39.5	38.4	39.0	110.5%	3.7
Manchester Township	39.0	40.8	40.2	113.9%	4.9
Mount Pleasant Township	43.5	42.0	42.6	120.7%	7.3
Oregon Township	39.5	38.8	39.2	111.0%	3.9
Palmyra Township	42.5	42.4	42.5	120.4%	7.2
Paupack Township	41.7	43.1	42.4	120.1%	7.1
Preston Township	43.4	42.8	43.2	122.4%	7.9
Prompton Borough	45.5	41.0	41.9	118.7%	6.6
Salem Township	39.6	38.3	39.0	110.5%	3.7
Scott Township	41.6	41.1	41.3	117.0%	6.0
South Canaan Township	39.9	38.4	39.1	110.8%	3.8
Starrucca Borough	46.5	43.8	44.7	126.6%	9.4
Sterling Township	39.9	38.0	39.0	110.5%	3.7
Texas Township	44.2	39.5	42.1	119.3%	6.8
Waymart Borough	45.4	38.0	41.7	118.1%	6.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Figure VIII-1



Source: U.S. Census Estimates, 2000-2007

Households and Household Sizes

Table VIII-3 summarizes changes in household sizes between 1990 and 2000. Household sizes for the County as a whole declined by an average of 0.15 person or 5.6% for the decade. They also dropped in all municipalities but one (Lehigh Township, which had a very small gain of 0.05 person per household or 1.8%).

Outside Wayne County, household sizes have declined, with the exceptions of Monroe and Pike Counties and the New York metropolitan area as a whole (Pike is officially part of that MSA). This indicates household size shrinkage is one of the reasons for softening population growth rates in Wayne County (and now also beginning to affect Monroe and Pike) and recent declines in school age populations in all three counties. When these will bottom out is unclear and this uncertainty makes it extraordinarily difficult to plan for infrastructure and services.

Ever smaller household sizes temper growth in housing. Heavy in-migration of metro area households could, nevertheless, change direction in household sizes and lead to some temporary bursts in population as these combine with increased housing construction. This is essentially what caused the large increases in Monroe and Pike populations during the 1990's, although that pattern is now, once again, reversing. The one certainty is that patterns are likely to change several times but, in the short-term, growth is being masked by declining household sizes.

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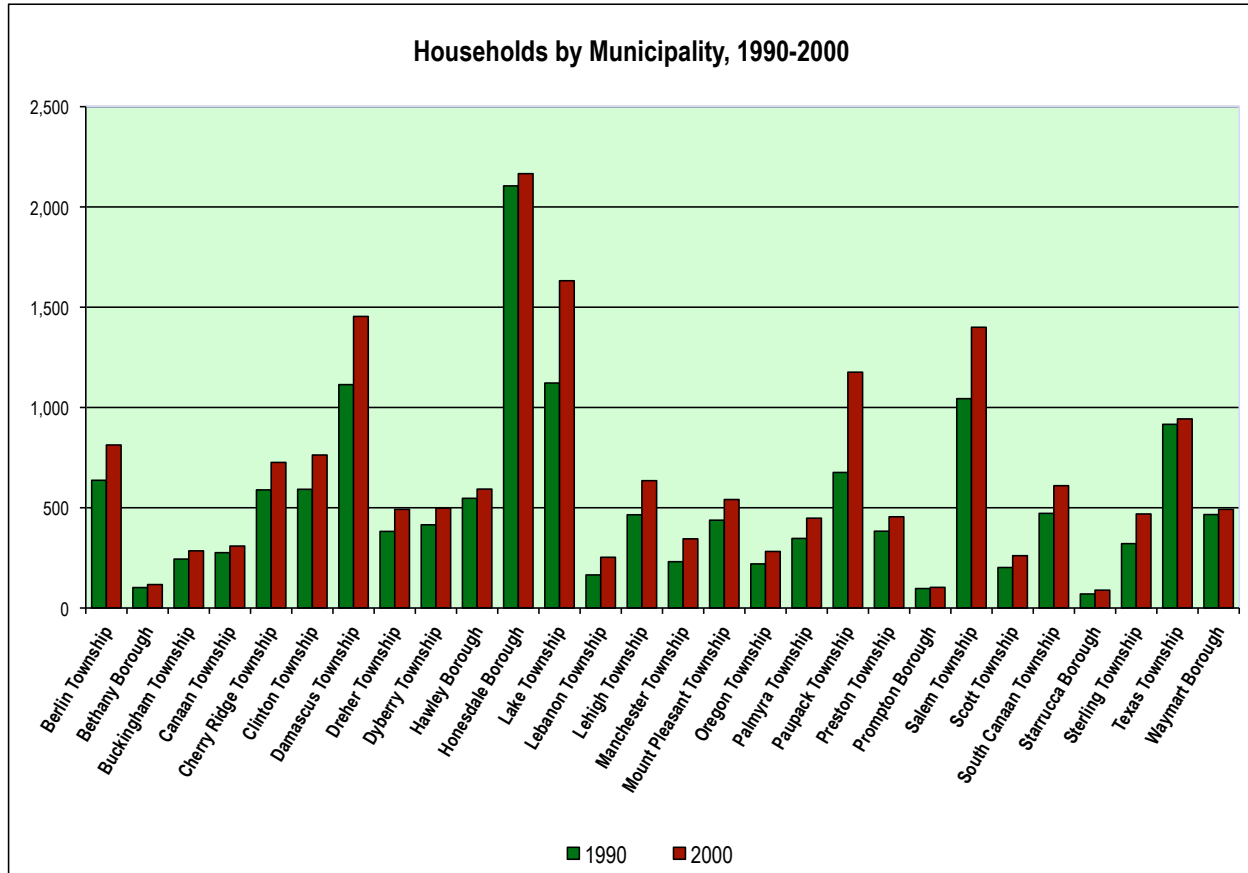
Table VIII-3: Households and Household Sizes, 1990–2000

Geography	HH's 1990	HH's 2000	90-00 Gain/Loss	% Chg.	HH Size 1990	HH Size 2000	90-00 Gain/Loss	% Chg.
United States	91,947,410	105,480,101	13,532,691	14.7%	2.63	2.59	-0.04	-1.6%
Northeast Region	18,872,713	20,285,622	1,412,909	7.5%	2.61	2.56	-0.05	-2.0%
Pennsylvania	4,495,966	4,777,003	281,037	6.3%	2.57	2.48	-0.09	-3.3%
Binghamton – MSA	100,681	100,474	-207	-0.2%	2.55	2.42	-0.13	-4.9%
NY--Northern NJ-Long Island – CMSA	6,621,239	7,735,264	1,114,025	16.8%	2.67	2.68	0.01	0.3%
Scranton--WB--Hazleton – PA MSA	280,697	252,582	-28,115	-10.0%	2.52	2.37	-0.15	-6.0%
Broome County, New York	81,843	80,749	-1,094	-1.3%	2.50	2.37	-0.13	-5.1%
Delaware County, New York	17,646	19,270	1,624	9.2%	2.56	2.39	-0.17	-6.8%
Sullivan County, New York	24,576	27,661	3,085	12.6%	2.60	2.50	-0.10	-3.8%
Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania	84,528	86,218	1,690	2.0%	2.50	2.38	-0.12	-5.0%
Monroe County, Pennsylvania	34,206	49,454	15,248	44.6%	2.69	2.73	0.04	1.6%
Pike County, Pennsylvania	10,536	17,433	6,897	65.5%	2.62	2.63	0.01	0.3%
Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania	14,898	16,529	1,631	10.9%	2.69	2.53	-0.16	-5.8%
Wayne County	14,638	18,350	3,712	25.4%	2.65	2.50	-0.15	-5.6%
Berlin Township	637	813	176	27.6%	2.78	2.69	-0.09	-3.2%
Bethany Borough	102	117	15	14.7%	2.33	2.29	-0.04	-1.9%
Buckingham Township	244	285	41	16.8%	2.66	2.27	-0.39	-14.5%
Canaan Township	276	309	33	12.0%	2.69	2.62	-0.07	-2.7%
Cherry Ridge Township	589	726	137	23.3%	2.72	2.50	-0.22	-8.0%
Clinton Township	592	763	171	28.9%	2.67	2.52	-0.15	-5.7%
Damascus Township	1,114	1,454	340	30.5%	2.72	2.51	-0.21	-7.8%
Dreher Township	382	492	110	28.8%	2.49	2.48	-0.01	-0.4%
Dyberry Township	415	498	83	20.0%	2.80	2.56	-0.24	-8.7%
Hawley Borough	547	593	46	8.4%	2.27	2.18	-0.09	-4.1%
Honesdale Borough	2,105	2,166	61	2.9%	2.32	2.22	-0.10	-4.4%
Lake Township	1,122	1,632	510	45.5%	2.84	2.59	-0.25	-8.7%
Lebanon Township	165	253	88	53.3%	2.90	2.55	-0.35	-12.2%
Lehigh Township	465	635	170	36.6%	2.53	2.58	0.05	1.8%
Manchester Township	231	345	114	49.4%	2.83	2.57	-0.26	-9.2%
Mount Pleasant Township	438	541	103	23.5%	2.90	2.49	-0.41	-14.2%
Oregon Township	220	282	62	28.2%	2.75	2.64	-0.11	-4.2%
Palmyra Township	347	448	101	29.1%	2.61	2.52	-0.09	-3.4%
Paupack Township	676	1,176	500	74.0%	2.51	2.50	-0.01	-0.4%
Preston Township	383	455	72	18.8%	2.73	2.43	-0.30	-10.9%
Prompton Borough	97	103	6	6.2%	2.45	2.36	-0.09	-3.8%
Salem Township	1,044	1,400	356	34.1%	2.81	2.62	-0.19	-6.7%
Scott Township	202	261	59	29.2%	2.92	2.56	-0.36	-12.4%
South Canaan Township	472	610	138	29.2%	2.74	2.68	-0.06	-2.1%
Starrucca Borough	70	89	19	27.1%	2.84	2.43	-0.41	-14.5%
Sterling Township	321	469	148	46.1%	2.96	2.67	-0.29	-9.8%
Texas Township	916	943	27	2.9%	2.64	2.47	-0.17	-6.3%
Waymart Borough	466	492	26	5.6%	2.77	2.56	-0.21	-7.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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Figure VIII-2



Source: U.S. Census

Group Quarters Population

Wayne County's population is significantly affected by the group quarters population. Table VIII-4 following indicates the correctional institution population rose from 396 to 1,150 persons between 1990 and 2000 as the State Correctional Institution in Canaan Township, which replaced the former Farview State Hospital for the Criminally Insane, came back up to near the capacity of the original facility.

This large increase (some 754 inmates) accounted for 9.7% of the total County population increase. The County's population not in group quarters grew by 18.2% for the decade, while the group quarters population grew by 63.6%.

Neighboring Monroe and Pike Counties were affected in just the opposite fashion as relatively small changes in group quarters softened the percentage gains in the remainder of the population. Therefore, they grew a bit faster and Wayne County grew somewhat slower than the basic population counts would otherwise indicate. It is important to bear these unusual factors in mind when projecting future growth. Population gains can easily be overstated by looking only superficially at the gross figures.

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Table VIII-4: Group Quarters Population – Monroe, Pike and Wayne Counties, 1990–2000

County	Monroe				Pike				Wayne			
Population	1990	2000	Chg.	%	1990	2000	Chg.	%	1990	2000	Chg.	%
Correctional institutions	177	241	64	36.2%	46	202	156	339.1%	396	1,150	754	190.4%
Nursing homes	752	644	-108	-14.4%	102	61	-41	-40.2%	362	462	100	27.6%
Other group quarters	2,823	2,955	132	4.7%	182	129	-53	-29.1%	404	289	-115	-28.5%
Total group quarters	3,752	3,840	88	2.3%	330	392	62	18.8%	1,162	1,901	739	63.6%
Total population	95,709	138,687	42,978	44.9%	27,966	46,302	18,336	65.6%	39,944	47,722	7,778	19.5%
Non-group quarters	91,957	134,847	42,890	46.6%	27,636	45,910	18,274	66.1%	38,782	45,821	7,039	18.2%

Source: U.S. Census

This trend has also affected the 2001-2007 Census estimates for Wayne County. The new Federal Prison in Canaan Township (near the State Correctional Institution) began to fill up in 2005 and this continued through 2007, distorting the overall growth figures, as noted earlier. The following Table VIII-5 summarizes.

Table VIII-5: Monroe, Pike and Wayne Counties Population Estimates, 2000–2007

County	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total	% Chg.
Monroe	138,687	143,584	148,317	153,035	156,799	160,202	162,913	164,722		
Annual Change	N/A	4,897	4,733	4,718	3,764	3,403	2,711	1,809	26,035	18.8%
Pike	46,302	48,040	49,746	51,746	53,461	55,419	57,252	58,633		
Annual Change	N/A	1,738	1,706	2,000	1,715	1,958	1,833	1,381	12,331	26.6%
Wayne	47,722	47,996	48,304	48,857	49,301	50,158	51,561	51,708		
Annual Change	N/A	274	308	553	444	857	1,403	147	3,986	8.4%
Wayne w/o Prison	47,722	47,996	48,304	48,857	49,301	49,665	49,929	49,971		
Annual Change	N/A	274	308	553	444	364	264	42	2,249	4.7%

Source: U.S. Census

The new Federal Prison is responsible for an estimated population gain of 1,737 persons between 2000 and 2007, some 43.6% of the total estimated increase. This is a one-time change and, therefore, a more realistic estimate of growth since 2000 is 2,249 persons or a 4.7% gain. This is equivalent to a growth rate of approximately 6.7% for the decade, suggesting the 2010 population will be roughly 51,000 persons. Should this growth continue at more or less the same pace over the following decade, the County could expect to be home to approximately 54,500 persons in 2020.

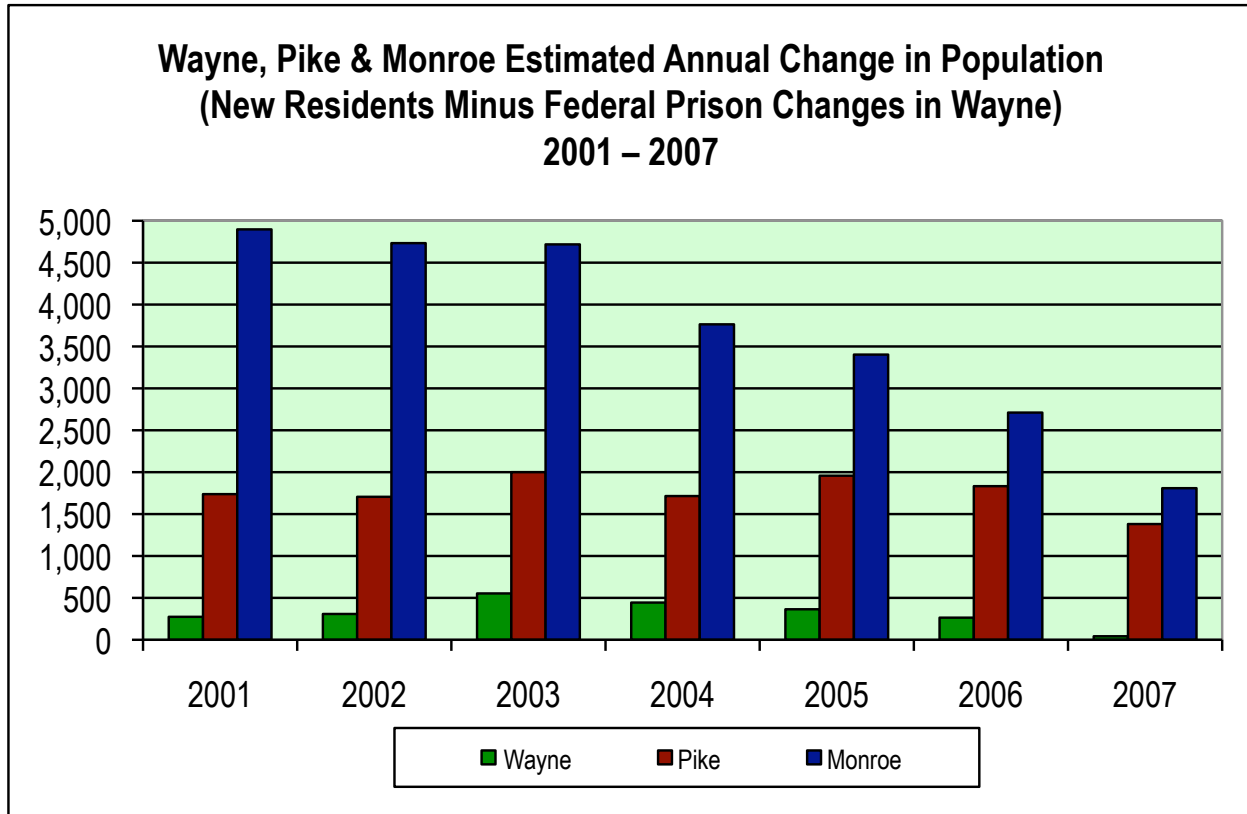
This is very normal growth, on par with the U.S. as a whole and much slower than Monroe and Pike County, making Wayne a very distinct part of the Pocono Region with patterns of growth far different than these other counties. It is growing at only about 25% of the Monroe County rate and 18% of the Pike County rate, although all have dropped off in recent years due to real estate market changes and smaller numbers of children.

Figure VIII-3 (next page) illustrates the number of new residents estimated to have been added annually to Wayne, Pike and Monroe between 2001 and 2007. This bar chart illustrates the

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annual change as shown in Table VIII-5 (above). The annual increases for Pike County are far more steady than those of Wayne and Monroe.

Figure VIII-3



Source: U.S. Bureau of Census and Federal Bureau of Prisons

Population Density

Changes in population density also reveal much about the County's growth patterns. Wayne County had a population density of only 65.4 persons per square mile in 2000, compared to 277.4 persons per square mile for the Commonwealth as a whole. The 2007 Census estimates indicate County population density increased to 70.9 persons per square mile by that year, as compared to 277.4 persons per square mile for Pennsylvania.

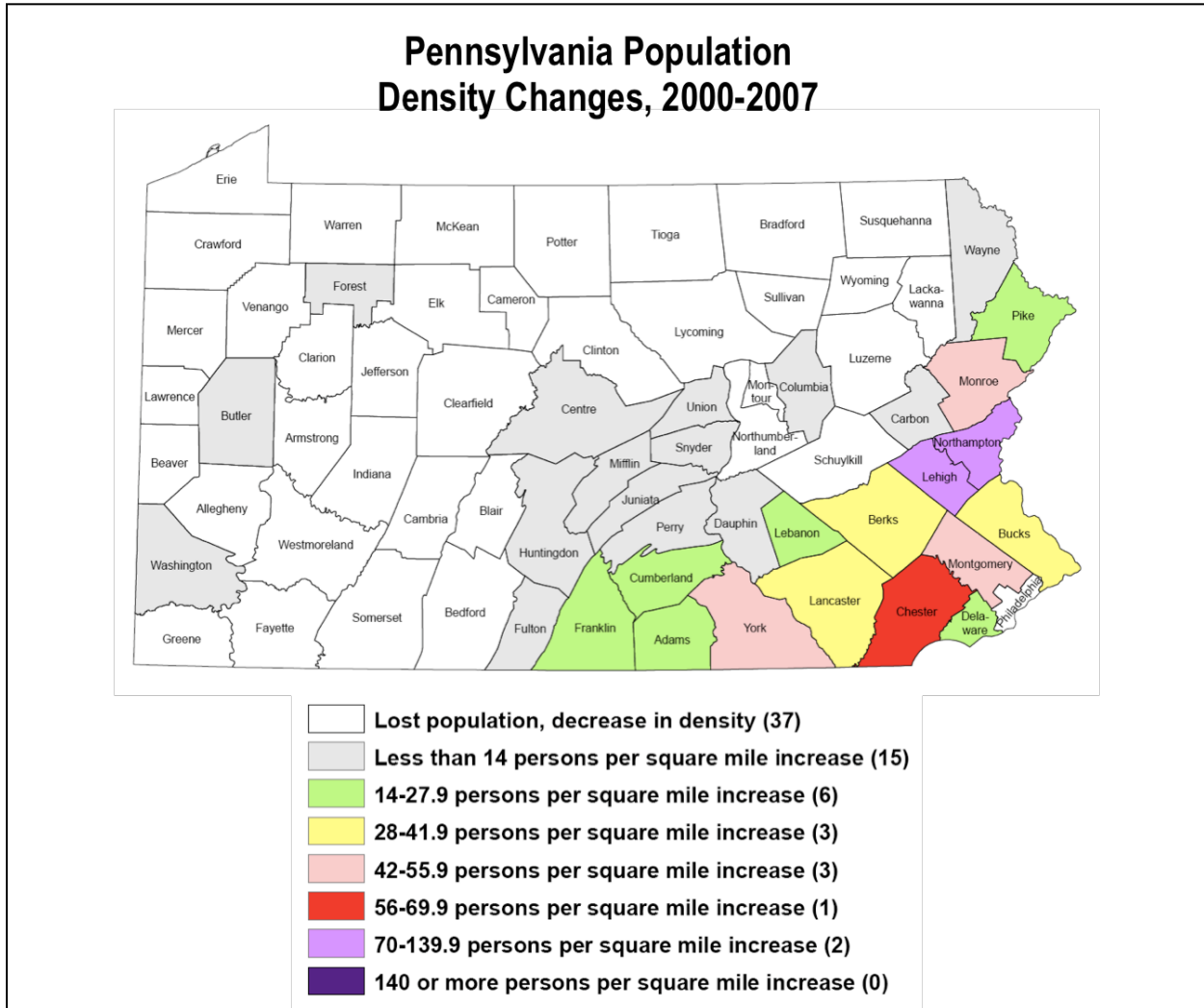
This gain of 5.5 persons per square mile (which includes 2.4 persons per square mile attributable to the new Federal Prison) ranked the County 21st among the Commonwealth's 67 counties (only 30 counties added population). Overall, Wayne County continues to be one of Pennsylvania's most rural counties, ranking 48th in total density. But for the Federal Prison population increases, it would have ranked 51st.

Figure VIII-4 (next page) illustrates population density changes by county for the Commonwealth. All increases have come from the direction of the metropolitan areas to the east

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and south (New York City, Philadelphia and Baltimore-Washington). The map illustrates Wayne County is on the periphery of this growth, a transitional zone between the urban edge and shrinking rural and micropolitan areas beyond. It is, nonetheless, more rural than urban, the U.S. average population density in 2007 being 80.7 persons per square mile, some 9.8 persons per square mile higher than Wayne County. This relationship is unlikely to change significantly in the near future, with the population growth rate having slowed due to aging and the resultant shrinking household sizes. Additional density maps may be found at the end of this Chapter.

Figure VIII-4



Prepared by Wayne County Planning Department from U.S. Census data

Population density within Wayne County varies a great deal. The highest density is found in the Borough of Hawley where it was 2,155 persons per square mile in 2007. The lowest density was in Buckingham Township, which had only 15.3 persons per square mile. Other municipalities with high population densities included Honesdale, Bethany, Waymart, Texas, Lake, Prompton and Lehigh.

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Migration

Wayne County's growth is almost entirely attributable to in-migration from the New York City metropolitan area as the following Table VIII-6 indicates:

Table VIII-6: Migration to/from Wayne County, 1995-2000

County and State in 1995	In	Out	Net
Bergen County, New Jersey	147	34	113
Morris County, New Jersey	119	222	-103
Essex County, New Jersey	102	0	102
Passaic County, New Jersey	102	47	55
Middlesex County, New Jersey	133	20	113
Monmouth County, New Jersey	83	0	83
Somerset County, New Jersey	88	33	55
Sussex County, New Jersey	82	17	65
Hudson County, New Jersey	75	19	56
Union County, New Jersey	73	26	47
Sub-total Northern NJ	1,004	418	586
Queens County, New York	252	94	158
New York County, New York	180	30	150
Kings County, New York	174	30	144
Richmond County, New York	72	0	72
Bronx County, New York	59	25	34
Sub-total New York City	737	179	558
Nassau County, New York	254	17	237
Suffolk County, New York	176	71	105
Sub-total Long Island	430	88	342
Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania	1,229	1,392	-163
Pike County, Pennsylvania	413	781	-368
Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania	277	425	-148
Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania	224	216	8
Sullivan County, New York	185	163	22
Monroe County, Pennsylvania	147	241	-94
Orange County, New York	129	21	108
Bucks County, Pennsylvania	89	122	-33
Lehigh County, Pennsylvania	80	65	15
Luzerne County, Pennsylvania	80	165	-85
Pasco County, Florida	78	38	40
Delaware County, New York	66	36	30
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania	64	92	-28
Ocean County, New Jersey	63	69	-6
Other counties in United States	2,596	4,291	-1,695

Source: U.S. Census, 2000

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Wayne County had more in-migration from Lackawanna County than anywhere else between 1995 and 2000 but sent more people there than it received. This was also true of most other Pennsylvania Counties. The largest net influx of population (eliminating some anomalies in the data) came from Northern New Jersey, from which 1,004 Wayne County residents came during the five years and only 418 persons went, yielding a 586 person net gain. New York City produced another 558 residents and Long Island 342 persons, for a total net gain of 1,486 persons from these elements of the New York metro area.

Deed transfers are another indicator of migration activity. The County Planning department has thoroughly analyzed these trends in a [*Origins of Wayne County, Pennsylvania Land Purchasers, 1998-2008*](#) report. Interestingly, this study observed wide swings in activity. Deed transfers in 1999 totaled 1,825. They increased to 3,634 in 2005 and then declined to 2,236 in 2008.

Population Projections

The following Table VIII-7 provides projections of population for Wayne County to the year 2013. The County is projected to grow at roughly the same pace, gaining 4.7% for the five years between 2008 and 2013, as compared to an 8.8% gain for the eight years between 2000 and 2008. The school age population (ages 5-19) has been declining and is expected to be stable over the next five years. Growth in the senior population (age 65+) is accelerating and is expected to increase in both absolute and relative terms over the next five years.

Table VIII-7: Population Projections

Age	2000	2008	Change	% Change	2013	Change	% Change
0 - 4	2,677	2,868	191	7.1%	2,868	0	0.0%
5 - 9	3,193	2,894	-299	-9.4%	2,907	13	0.4%
10 - 14	3,447	3,048	-399	-11.6%	3,134	86	2.8%
15 - 17	2,130	1,983	-147	-6.9%	1,925	-58	-2.9%
18 - 24	2,918	3,649	731	25.1%	3,500	-149	-4.1%
25 - 39	8,889	8,585	-304	-3.4%	8,552	-33	-0.4%
40 - 54	10,805	12,506	1,701	15.7%	12,304	-202	-1.6%
55 - 64	5,311	7,493	2,182	41.1%	9,178	1,685	22.5%
65 - 74	4,547	4,719	172	3.8%	5,517	798	16.9%
75 - 84	2,792	2,912	120	4.3%	3,004	92	3.2%
85+	1,013	1,269	256	25.3%	1,421	152	12.0%
0 - 17	11,447	10,793	-654	-5.7%	10,834	41	0.4%
18 - 64	27,923	32,233	4,310	15.4%	33,534	1,301	4.0%
65+	8,352	8,900	548	6.6%	9,942	1,042	11.7%
5 - 17	8,770	7,925	-845	-9.6%	7,966	41	0.5%
25-64	25,005	28,584	3,579	14.3%	30,034	1,450	5.1%
Total	47,722	51,926	4,204	8.8%	54,310	2,384	4.6%

Source: ESRI

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Table VIII-8: Population Projection Comparisons

Geographic Area	Change 2000-2008	% Change 2000-2008	Annual Change	Annual % Chg.	Change 2008-2013	% Change 2008-2013	Annual Change	Annual % Chg.
Total Population								
Pennsylvania	350,213	2.9%	43,777	0.4%	204,859	1.6%	40,972	0.3%
Lackawanna County	-1,480	-0.7%	-185	-0.1%	-924	-0.4%	-185	-0.1%
Monroe County	36,280	26.2%	4,535	3.3%	25,296	14.5%	5,059	2.9%
Pike County	13,979	30.2%	1,747	3.8%	10,330	17.1%	2,066	3.4%
Susquehanna County	692	1.6%	87	0.2%	198	0.5%	40	0.1%
Wayne County	4,204	8.8%	526	1.1%	2,384	4.6%	477	0.9%
New York	578,422	3.0%	72,303	0.4%	311,117	1.6%	62,223	0.3%
Broome County	-3,899	-1.9%	-487	-0.2%	-2,770	-1.4%	-554	-0.3%
Delaware County	59	0.1%	7	0.0%	-382	-0.8%	-76	-0.2%
Sullivan County	5,387	7.3%	673	0.9%	2,941	3.7%	588	0.7%
New Jersey	475,836	5.7%	59,480	0.7%	257,970	2.9%	51,594	0.6%
United States	27,877,359	9.9%	3,484,670	1.2%	19,471,484	6.3%	3,894,297	1.3%
Population 0-17								
Pennsylvania	-146,146	-5.0%	-18,268	-0.6%	-37,296	-1.3%	-7,459	-0.3%
Lackawanna County	-4,616	-9.9%	-577	-1.2%	-1,561	-3.7%	-312	-0.7%
Monroe County	3,968	10.7%	496	1.3%	4,268	10.4%	854	2.1%
Pike County	1,580	12.8%	198	1.6%	1,563	11.2%	313	2.2%
Susquehanna County	-1,414	-13.1%	-177	-1.6%	-226	-2.4%	-45	-0.5%
Wayne County	-654	-5.7%	-82	-0.7%	41	0.4%	8	0.1%
New York	-90,570	-1.9%	-11,321	-0.2%	-112,758	-2.5%	-22,552	-0.5%
Broome County	-5,562	-12.1%	-695	-1.5%	-2,227	-5.5%	-445	-1.1%
Delaware County	-1,536	-13.9%	-192	-1.7%	-483	-5.1%	-97	-1.0%
Sullivan County	-741	-4.0%	-93	-0.5%	-135	-0.8%	-27	-0.2%
New Jersey	58,826	2.8%	7,353	0.4%	-29,377	-1.4%	-5,875	-0.3%
United States	2,518,047	3.5%	314,756	0.4%	2,756,328	3.7%	551,266	0.7%
Population 18-64								
Pennsylvania	435,853	5.9%	54,482	0.7%	140,294	1.8%	28,059	0.4%
Lackawanna County	4,025	3.2%	503	0.4%	-278	-0.2%	-56	0.0%
Monroe County	26,556	31.4%	3,320	3.9%	16,138	14.5%	3,228	2.9%
Pike County	9,877	36.7%	1,235	4.6%	6,467	17.6%	1,293	3.5%
Susquehanna County	1,661	6.7%	208	0.8%	-29	-0.1%	-6	0.0%
Wayne County	4,310	15.4%	539	1.9%	1,301	4.0%	260	0.8%
New York	566,475	4.8%	70,809	0.6%	251,971	2.0%	50,394	0.4%
Broome County	1,568	1.3%	196	0.2%	-1,411	-1.1%	-282	-0.2%
Delaware County	1,342	4.8%	168	0.6%	-556	-1.9%	-111	-0.4%
Sullivan County	5,000	11.1%	625	1.4%	1,468	2.9%	294	0.6%
New Jersey	327,732	6.3%	40,967	0.8%	190,958	3.4%	38,192	0.7%
United States	21,191,814	12.2%	2,648,977	1.5%	12,082,296	6.2%	2,416,459	1.2%
Population 65+								
Pennsylvania	60,506	3.2%	7,563	0.4%	101,861	1.2%	20,372	0.2%
Lackawanna County	-889	-2.1%	-111	-0.3%	915	0.7%	183	0.1%
Monroe County	5,756	33.8%	720	4.2%	4,890	4.2%	978	0.8%
Pike County	2,522	35.9%	315	4.5%	2,300	5.9%	460	1.2%
Susquehanna County	445	6.8%	56	0.8%	453	1.6%	91	0.3%
Wayne County	548	6.6%	69	0.8%	1,042	11.7%	208	2.3%
New York	102,517	4.2%	12,815	0.5%	171,904	1.3%	34,381	0.3%
Broome County	95	0.3%	12	0.0%	868	0.7%	174	0.1%
Delaware County	253	2.8%	32	0.4%	657	2.1%	131	0.4%
Sullivan County	1,128	10.7%	141	1.3%	1,608	3.1%	322	0.6%
New Jersey	89,278	8.0%	11,160	1.0%	96,389	1.7%	19,278	0.3%
United States	4,167,498	11.9%	520,937	1.5%	4,632,860	2.3%	926,572	0.5%

Source: ESRI

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The working age population (20-64 years) has been gaining rapidly but the pace is projected to slow going forward, as Table VIII-7 indicates. The growth in this age category has delivered Wayne County a growing labor force that is a marketable competitive advantage in promoting economic development. The greatest increase in population over the past eight years and going forward the next five is among the active adult (age 55-64) category. Some of these may be early retirees.

Table VIII-8 compares projected population growth rates for Wayne County with surrounding counties, states and the United States. Wayne County's growth rate is projected to slow slightly, placing it in the middle range as compared to surrounding areas, but still less than the U.S. as a whole.

Municipal Population Density Change for Wayne and Adjacent Counties

2000 Census Estimate Base to 2009 Census Estimate

